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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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MAZIE R. LEWIS,)
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Defendant.)

Case No. CR 07 0450 MAG

**DECLARATION OF MENAKA
KALASKAR IN SUPPORT OF UNITED
STATES' MOTION FOR SUMMONS**

I, Menaka Kalaskar, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Law Clerk in the United States Attorney's Office assigned to the prosecution of this case. I have received the following information from officers employed by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General ("DHS OIG"), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General ("HUD OIG"), and from reports and other documents provided to me by the DHS OIG and HUD OIG.

2. On September 14, 2005, Mazie R. Lewis ("Lewis") completed an application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") for financial assistance for damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina. Lewis claimed that 1) her primary address was 915 Piety

1 Street, New Orleans, LA 71107; 2) she had auto damage; 3) her home was damaged by the
2 disaster; 4) she had personal property damaged by the disaster; 5) access was restricted to her
3 home due to mandatory evacuation; and 6) a family member lost work or became unemployed
4 due to disaster.

5 3. After filing the application, Lewis received three FEMA checks over the course of
6 several months. The first check was dated September 15, 2005, in the amount of \$2,000; the
7 second check was dated September 25, 2005, in the amount of \$2,358; and the third check was
8 dated March 15, 2006, in the amount of \$3,687. Lewis cashed these checks and received a total
9 of \$8,045 in FEMA disaster assistance.

10 4. Special Agent Zurvohn A. Maloof ("SA Maloof"), the Reporting Agent from DHS
11 OIG, contacted Lewis over the phone. Lewis admitted on the phone that she was not a New
12 Orleans resident at the time of Hurricane Katrina, and invited SA Maloof to her home to be
13 interviewed. SA Maloof, along with two other agents, interviewed Lewis on April 27, 2007.
14 During the interview, she admitted that she had filed a false FEMA application. She stated that
15 she had been residing in San Francisco for 8-9 years, and had previously lived in New Orleans,
16 LA.

17 5. According to HUD OIG, Lewis is a Section 8 project-based tenant in San Francisco.
18 In addition, HUD OIG Special Agent Richard Salom received a fax from the Plaza East
19 Apartments in San Francisco, which confirms that the effective date of Lewis's lease was
20 November 16, 2004.

21 6. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), both the owner and
22 subsequent tenant of Lewis's claimed residence in New Orleans noted that no one lived at 915
23 Piety Street, New Orleans, LA prior to Hurricane Katrina.

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1 7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of
2 my knowledge and belief. Executed July 18, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

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4 DATED: 7/18/07

Respectfully submitted,

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